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Subject: Re: need to develop water sampling for buffalo bayou and the channel
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Just spoke with Wes McQuiddy at the Houston lab.

He stated they do not analyze for PFOA.

He said they have a reciprocal agreement with TCEQ for oil and grease. So they might be able to analyze those samples.

Wes said the Houston lab could analyze the VOC with 24 hour turn around and the SVOC with a 36 hour turn around.

We appreciated us reaching out to him to determine how they could help with the response.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2019, at 4:11 PM, Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov> wrote:

Due to the community interest in the foam used to fight the fire and the interest in the conditions of Buffalo Bayou we need to develop and implement a surface water sampling plan. Due to the interest, we need to implement the plan by March 21, 2019. The sampling and analysis plan should include analysis of chemicals that potentially occur in the foam. Need to identify at a minimum 1 upstream and 4 downstream locations on Buffalo Bayou and the San Jacinto River where samples are to be collected.

It is our understanding that Houston Lab cannot analyze for PFOS/PFOA. REOC will check with Houston Lab about other capacity to analyze the samples for other constituents to potentially mirror the State's plan. However, you should have START seek lab services via their normal process.

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